

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Physical Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1123.00

## What They Do

Assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social** – involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. Involves helping or providing service to others.

**Investigative** – involves working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking.

**Realistic** – involves work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

**Relationships** – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

**Achievement** – allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

**Recognition** – offer advancement, potential for leadership, and are often considered prestigious.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression

## Skills You Need

- Reading Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Monitoring
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Writing

## Education & Training

Physical therapists need **at least a master's degree in physical therapy but most positions will require a doctoral degree in physical therapy.** Physical therapists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners.

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	5

## Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of physical therapists are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Nursing Care Facilities
- Local Government Educational Services
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Other Hospitals

## SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
610	710	100	16%	30	\$71,690

## Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.gov/mic](http://www.dlr.gov/mic)

Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

O\*Net Online

[www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

mySkills myFuture

[www.myskillsmyfuture.org](http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org)

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